



LIST OF CLAIMS AS CURRENTLY AMENDED (CLEAN COPY):

1 (currently amended). A device for washing or rinsing foodstuffs powered by the filling of said device with water or any other liquid from a continuously-running source, used in the process of such washing or rinsing, comprising: a vessel in which said washing or rinsing takes place; a means for emptying said vessel of liquid after it has washed or rinsed said foodstuffs and allowing refilling of said vessel, such means operating periodically and cyclically without attention from any person during said rinsing or washing operation; a means for keeping the foodstuffs washed or rinsed inside the vessel during said washing or rinsing operation; and a stand upon which said vessel is placed during said washing or rinsing operation, said stand cooperating with said vessel during said washing or rinsing operation.

Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled.

4 (currently amended). The device as in Claim 1, in which said vessel further comprises a central chamber capable of holding the foodstuffs to be washed or rinsed, along with a front extension chamber contiguous therewith and with no barrier between said central chamber and said front extension chamber, said front extension chamber placed frontward from, and with its bottom higher than that of said central chamber, with the result that the center of gravity of said vessel will be shifted forward from the horizontal center of said central chamber when said front extension chamber of said vessel is filled with a sufficient amount of liquid.

5 (original). The device as in Claim 4, in which said vessel comprises two chambers, said central chamber being the larger of such chambers, said front extension being the smaller of

such chambers, and such chambers being contiguous with each other and with no barrier between their outside surfaces.

6 (original). The device as in Claim 5, further comprising a screen that mounts over the vessel.

Claims 7 through 22 are cancelled.

23 (original). The device as in Claim 1, in which said means for keeping said foodstuffs inside said vessel during said washing or rinsing operation further comprising a screen through which liquids can pass, but solid items cannot.

24 (original). The device as in Claim 23, in which said screen is sufficiently large to cover the entire area of said vessel, parallel to the top and bottom of said vessel and at a predetermined height above the bottom surface of said vessel, or is sufficiently large to cover the portion of said vessel which is normally filled with liquid until the moment before the emptying of said liquid from said vessel occurs.

25 (currently amended). The device as in Claim 23, in which said vessel comprises a central chamber, along with a front extension chamber contiguous therewith, said front extension chamber being smaller than said central chamber and said front extension chamber being placed frontwardly from said central chamber, further comprising a screen fixedly mounted between said central chamber and said front extension chamber, said screen permitting liquids, but not solid items, to pass therethrough.

26 (currently amended). The device as in Claim 25, in which said screen covers only the central chamber of said vessel, and not the extension chamber thereof.

27 (original). The device as in Claim 26, in which the device mentioned therein is removably attached to said vessel by means of a plurality of clips which engage the top surface of the central chamber of said vessel.

28 (original). The device as in Claim 24, in which said screen is removably attached to said vessel.

29 (original). The device as in Claim 28, in which said screen is removably attached to said vessel by means of a plurality of clips which engage said vessel.

30 (currently amended). The device as in Claim 1, in which the rotational motion of said vessel that empties said vessel of liquid and later returns said vessel to a position to be refilled; said rotational motion being cyclical in nature, is actuated by means of pins fixedly mounted to said stand, located at a specific height and located a sufficient distance apart to leave a narrow space open when the diameter of said vessel is placed between said pins, said pins also engaging recessed channels fixedly mounted to said vessel at a specific height and on opposite sides of said vessel at the diameter thereof.

31 (original). The device as in Claim 30, in which said pins engage said channels to permit sufficient rotational motion to allow said vessel to be oriented up to seventy-five degrees from the horizontal plane when such rotational motion has been fully actuated.

32 (original). The device as in Claim 31, in which said recessed channels are located within brackets fixedly mounted to the sides of said vessel and extending outwardly therefrom.

33 (currently amended). The device as in Claim 1, in which the rotational motion of said vessel that empties said vessel of liquid and later returns said vessel to a position to be refilled; said rotational motion being cyclical in nature, is actuated by means of pins fixedly mounted to said vessel and extending outwardly therefrom, said pins also being received by cradlelike support members fixedly mounted to said stand in such a manner as to permit rotational motion of said pins therewithin.

34 (original). The device as in Claim 33, in which said pins engage said cradlelike support members to permit sufficient rotational motion to allow said vessel to be oriented up to seventy-five degrees from the horizontal plane when such rotational motion has been fully actuated.

35 (currently amended). A device for washing or rinsing foodstuffs, where the improvement consists of the ability to continuously wash or rinse such food items, with power for such washing or rinsing operation provided solely by the impartation of water or any other liquid for such washing or rinsing operation, and with no intervention from the operator of such device during said washing or rinsing operation.